

## EARLY LIFE OF THAW LAID BARE

MRS. WM. THAW TELLS OF HIS BIRTH.

HAD SPASMS AND PAINS

In His Head Until Twelve Years Old—An Attack of Pneumonia at Three Years Affected His Brain—Mrs. Lawrence on the Stand.

New York, Jan. 22.—Anthony Comstock, vice-president of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, was the principal witness at the trial of Harry K. Thaw today. He testified that late in 1904 Thaw came to him and complained of vicious practices by Stanford White and several of White's friends. During the year that followed Thaw wrote to him several times and was a frequent visitor. The letters were read in evidence.

It was 10:20 o'clock when the Thaw trial was resumed today and Mr. Littleton of the defense, began at once the preliminaries of proving Harry Thaw's will and codicil executed the day of his wedding to Evelyn Nesbit, in Pittsburgh. Miss Francis Pierce, who witnessed the signature, and who testified at the last trial, was called to the stand.

Aged and weak, Mrs. Wm. Thaw again took the stand to save her son. She was assisted to the witness chair by her attending nurse. She no longer looks the society leader of Pittsburgh, that she once was. On the stand she told the story of Harry's birth, and said that an infant of her's had died before Harry was born, and that she suffered from nervous prostration before Harry was born. Harry, she said, was an extremely erratic child had pains in his head and spasms until he was 12 years of age. She added that when he was three years old he had an attack of pneumonia which affected his brain.

Mrs. Belle Moorehouse Lawrence, who taught Thaw when he was five years old, testified to the unusual and irrational child. She stated that frequently she had to pour cold water on him to quiet him. The court adjourned with the defense ready to call the insanity experts.

Mr. Littleton then read the codicil to the jury. The codicil provided a number of bequests to lawyers and others to aid alleged victims of Stanford White, to prosecute claims for damages against him, and for the prosecution of all persons engaged in such unlawful practices as said Stanford White.

Following the reading of the codicil Mr. Littleton created something of a stir by calling Anthony Comstock to the stand—his first appearance in the case.

Mr. Comstock said that Thaw called at his office in February 1904 and complained of a party who was wronging young girls.

Thaw went into details, which the witness repeated, as far as he could remember. Mr. Comstock also said he received several letters from Thaw.

The witness identified several communications from Thaw, one of the papers being a diagram of the premises where he declared evil men were carrying on criminal practices. Thaw declared that workmen on buildings near these premises had heard young girls scream and suggested that men be sent to watch the place.

Thaw told me he had been followed to my office the second time by men who were employed to watch him, continued the witness. I sent several men out in the hallway to see if anyone was there.

Mr. Jerome objected to the witness telling the result of this search, but it came out in the discussion that no one had followed Thaw.

Mr. Comstock here identified three more letters from Thaw, one having been received as late as April, 1906, two months before the tragedy.

Mr. Littleton first read to the jury a communication from Thaw to Comstock, written in November, 1904. It intended to give in detail the description of the Twenty-fourth street house, with crude diagrams appearing here and there in the text.

Thaw declared that one room was furnished like a forest, and that secret stairs led to the room of the mirrors. The door in the forest room was hard to find, the letters declared, and there was no escape for the young girls who were drugged. Thaw claimed that six or seven criminal scoundrels controlled the place.

Thousands of crimes have been committed here and many felonies. Thaw wrote and asserted that there was a little room to which access was gained by a door behind a picture. In this room, the latter went on, there is a valuable French painting of a woman and of peculiarly infamous suggestivity.

In another letter Thaw suggested that plumbers working on a building adjoining the Twenty-fourth street house might be induced to drop some heavy article through the skylight and reveal what was below.

Thaw also called attention to the facts that there was a libel suit in Paris instituted by a young woman who had been mentioned as posing for the picture previously complained of.

Besides four victims I have already told you about, there is another, Thaw continued. The blackguard asked her to marry him and she left his place. It is now being talked about in the newspaper offices, and I hope to be able to give you the name and details soon. Please destroy this.

In several of the letters Thaw spoke of enclosing \$100 more for the secret service fund. Thaw wrote under the name of Ferguson, in accordance with her story had upon the defendant's and arrangement he had previously made, so that his name would not be included in the annual report of contributions.

On cross examination Mr. Jerome asked Mr. Comstock if he ever got into the Twenty-fourth street house.

No, sir.

The attorney for the defense late yesterday succeeded in placing in evidence a letter written by the defendant in the fall of 1903, which completely corroborated the claim that the girl who was to become his wife did tell the story of her relations with Stanford White much as she had related it upon the stand at this and the former trial.

This letter was one of a dozen which were read to the jury as tending to corroborate young Mrs. Thaw's testimony, and as further tending to show the effect of the mind.

## DYNAMITES BARN

TWO NEGROES AND ONE WHITE MAN KILLED BY NIGHT WATCHMAN.

Clarksville, Tenn., Jan. 22.—An attempt was made last night to set fire and dynamite the loose tobacco factories of the Hayes-Sory Tobacco Company, local representatives of the Italian Regie. Two negroes and a white man were killed by one of the night watchmen while trying to escape.

One other negro escaped, but is thought to have been wounded.

The Regie tobacco factory, since the recent trouble in the dark tobacco district, has been closely guarded.

The guards usually take lunch at 11 o'clock. Shortly after that hour Tuesday night, when Guard Ed Shanklin was making his rounds, he noticed three men standing in front of a door of the factory, on the west side. The men were bold in their actions and Shanklin at first thought they were guards.

One of them struck a match. Shanklin asked who it was. Shanklin was a short distance away, and instead of replying to his questions the negroes broke and ran.

Shanklin followed, and at the distance of sixty yards fired three times at the fleeing men. One of the negroes dropped dead in his tracks, and the second ran about seventy-five yards to a negro tenement house, where he fell dead at the door.

The third negro is thought to have been wounded in the leg. Shanklin heard him yell. He has not been captured.

When investigation was made it was found that the door of the factory had been saturated with coal oil and four sticks of dynamite placed about it.

When the two bodies of the negroes were searched sticks of dynamite were found on their person in sufficient quantities to wreck the building.

The killing of the men created much excitement.

Officers are using ever effort to locate the negro who escaped.

One of the negroes killed, known as Fing Hye, is the same who started a false report several months ago that night riders had struck the town.

Tony Allen, the other negro killed had been employed in the Regie factory for five years and was discharged about one week ago. The are both Clarksville negroes.

## ANTI-ADMINISTRATION WANTS HUGHES

THE STRONGEST MAN TO FIGHT TAFT.

IS NOT IN LOVE WITH HIM

But Will Take Him in Preference to Taft if they Can't Land Fairbanks or Cannon—Hughes Would Neither be for or Against Roosevelt.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Much interest is attached to the forthcoming speech of Gov. Hughes, of New York before the republican club of that state on Friday, January 31. Hughes is now looked upon as possibly the strongest candidate the anti-administration party republicans have to fight Taft if he takes the right position on public matters.

The anti-Rooseveltians are not in love with Hughes but take him in preference to Taft if it can't land Fairbanks or Cannon. They fear that Taft would be entirely dominated by Roosevelt, while Hughes is more independent, and though he is in sympathy with Roosevelt's doctrines is less likely to be as radical.

They believe that Hughes will take the middle ground, neither for nor against Roosevelt's plans.

Republicans all over the country are awaiting Hughes' speech at the club dinner with no little interest, and the democrats are equally interested. The event will almost be national in importance, for it may bring forth a radical change in the sentiments of the republicans.

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less savage than many of the mammals and there is nothing wrong with the shrimp that man should use his name in vain, and the lobster, which is one of the latest denizens of the sea to be held up to scorn, is at once handsome, succulent and aristocratic. Then consider the mullet-head, the skate, conch, each a term of opprobrium, while as invertebrate as a jelly fish is a time-honored stump speaker's armor-piercing shell. Don't be a clam, we have all heard, and to speak of any class as the very sea weed of life is popular simile. To call a man a whale is not necessarily a term of disparagement, but to blubber is about the worst kind of weeping, and to catch a sucker is familiar to all. If a fat man is out of breath he blows like a porpoise, and the term codfish aristocracy has cast discredit upon even the fine old fish who yields us the codfish ball and the codliver oil, and it casts discredit upon any story just to call it fishy. Certain criticism, crocodile tears. The list might be greatly extended.—Times Democrat.

THE HOBO VS.

THE IDLE RICH.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Prof. Edward A. Ross, of the University of Wisconsin, denounced big fortunes and idle rich to the City Club.

"In proportion as riches and rich men are honored in the state virtues and the virtuous are looked down upon," said the professor. A certain lawyer recently said of Mr. Harriman: He moves on a higher plane into which we may not enter. Is this the spirit of America?

An idle, parasitic class in any community as a detriment to it, whether it is composed of millionaires or of hoboes.

The greater danger lies in the former class, because, while people look down upon the hobo, they are inclined to look up to the wealthy parties. Emulation of them honest methods of getting a living are depreciated the idleness is exalted.

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TO OUR ADVERTISERS AND ADVERTISEMENT READERS

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Look over the advertised prices of what you want to buy. You may not be as poor as you think.

If you do not read short ads you build a Chinese Wall around yourself. Your exclusiveness excludes much sensible information.

Perhaps your shopping money this week is more than enough. Read the ads and see.

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## WILLIAMS ADDRESS-ES THE LEGISLATURE

WHEN HE RECEIVES NOMINATION.

SCORES REPUBLICAN PARTY

Scores the Republican Party on Empty Dinner Pail—Legislature Meets in Joint Session to Hear His Eloquent Address.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 22.—Both house met in joint session according to the constitution and a formal vote was taken on the election of United States Senator Williams, formerly declared elected in the past election for term beginning 1911.

John Sharp Williams' address took up an hour and a half of the joint session in the legislature, when he received his nomination. In the course of his remarks he said that the republicans had filled the dinner pail some years ago, but now they had an empty pail to face, and in this they had a hard battle to fight. He endorsed in a large measure state rights.

There was no afternoon sessions held, but the committees were busy with the routine work in the morning.

In the house Cavett's resolution to investigate the disappearance of certain sections of the penal code of 1906 received hearty welcome.

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To the Public. We hereby notify our friends that the cotton factorage and commission business heretofore conducted in Greenville, Miss., under the name of Abe Blum, will after February 1st, 1908, be conducted by us under the firm name of Blum & Goldstein. 1-14-daily-to feb - ABE BLUM.

Doing His Share. Gentlemen you have all treated to drinks and cigars. Well Titewadd. Let me relate a joke at my expense.

Mind Your Business. If you don't nobody will. It is your business to keep all the trouble you can and you can and will keep out of liver and bowel trouble if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They keep biliousness, malaria and jaundice out of your system. 25c at all drug stores.

So You Wouldn't Know It. Think my boy will amount to anything, Miss Fertule? Well, he has Napoleonic tendencies, replied the pretty teacher. Yesterday he changed the map of Europe.

Meager. I recently read Uncle Tom's Cabin for the first time. You seem disappointed in it. I confess I was. The book mentions only little Eva and one Lawyer Marks.

Magazine Verse. Out of the dark tarn sodden rain, Into the night, Faces that tarnish and turn again, Amethyst white.

Round me the pulsing, misty years Limitless gloom, Downpour and eddying swirl of tears Terrible doom.

Reader, picture these awful scenes, Why do you sigh? You don't know what this poem means? Neither do I.